GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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No Fly Zone
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received representation from the Government of Andhra Pradesh requesting to declare Tirumala as No-Fly-Zone;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has taken any decision on this matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (d) The Government of Andhra Pradesh had requested declaration of area covered by the Holy temple of Lord Sri Venkateshwara in the Thirumala Hills as "No Fly Zone". Due to terrain constraints around Tirupati Airport, the airport is already restricted to single runway operations and any additional restrictions in the form of "No Fly Zone" over Tirumala hills will further reduce the accessibility to such an important Airport. Hence, it is not possible to declare the airport as "No Fly Zone".